

Figure 7.2.2. Organizations: structure and leadership

Leading people in international organizations – languages: 2002

These figures, reproduced from *Who's Who in International Organizations*, 4th edition, are based on the entries of the 1,724 biographees that contain information on language skills.

Breakdowns are given for male and female biographees; however, because gender is not always known to the editors, the figure given in the column "Both" may be greater than the sum of the columns "Men" and "Women". This figure also gives the total number of organizations (from the *Yearbook of International Organizations*) listed in the entries of these biographees.

It should be noted that the figures in this figure are derived from information provided by the biographees themselves; according to general policy, the editors took people at their word and made no effort to check the accuracy of the claims.

Figure 7.2.2. (a) Most frequently listed languages

The following 85 languages are listed in the entries of 2 or more biographees. Breakdowns are given for male and female biographees; however, because gender is not always known to the editors, the figure given in the column "Both" may be greater than the sum of the columns "Men" and "Women".

This table also gives the total number of organizations (from the *Yearbook of International Organizations*) listed in the entries of these biographees.

Language	Male		Female		Both		Language	Male		Female		Both	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's		People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Afrikaans	6	19	1	1	7	20	Malagasian	2	4	0	0	2	4
Akan	2	4	0	0	2	4	Malay	2	5	2	2	4	7
Amharic	3	6	1	2	4	8	Maltese	3	8	0	0	3	8
Ancient Greek	6	17	2	3	8	20	Mandarin	4	10	1	2	6	13
Arabic	75	202	5	13	84	222	Marathi	2	3	1	3	3	6
Bahasa Indonesian	5	7	1	5	6	12	Ndebele	2	4	0	0	2	4
Bahasa Malaysian	4	6	1	1	6	8	Nepalese	2	3	0	0	2	3
Bambara	1	5	1	1	2	6	Norwegian	32	47	6	13	39	61
Bengali	4	6	3	6	7	12	Ouolof	2	3	1	6	3	9
Braille	2	12	0	0	2	12	Persian	7	16	2	2	9	18
Bulgarian	5	8	0	0	5	8	Polish	20	50	4	8	24	58
Castilian	2	4	0	0	2	4	Portuguese	95	184	11	21	106	205
Catalan	11	41	0	0	11	41	Pulaar	2	6	0	0	2	6
Chinese	15	28	2	3	17	31	Punjabi	8	20	2	4	10	24
Croatian	4	12	0	0	4	12	Romanian	6	10	3	4	9	14
Czech	7	14	2	6	9	20	Russian	87	201	12	16	100	219
Danish	44	77	8	18	55	100	Sanskrit	2	2	1	2	3	4
Dutch	230	440	30	43	270	495	Serbo-Croatian	7	21	0	0	7	21
English	1420	2835	215	400	1684	3310	Sesotho	2	3	1	1	3	4
Esperanto	16	37	0	0	17	38	Shona	1	2	1	2	2	4
Filipino	10	30	4	14	14	44	Sinhalese	6	10	1	1	8	13
Finnish	14	43	7	14	23	62	Slovakian	2	2	0	0	2	2
French	1031	2093	152	285	1212	2421	Slovenian	5	16	0	0	5	16
German	586	1152	76	144	685	1332	Spanish	402	849	79	147	486	1003
Greek	30	79	5	10	35	89	Swahili	12	17	2	3	14	20
Gujarati	5	7	0	0	5	7	Swedish	66	125	17	31	87	163
Hausa	2	2	0	0	2	2	Swiss-German	2	4	0	0	2	4
Hebrew	27	53	2	7	30	61	Tagalog	3	4	1	1	4	5
Hindi	22	59	5	8	27	67	Taiwanese	2	3	0	0	2	3
Hungarian	16	33	3	7	19	40	Tamil	11	31	2	3	13	34
Ibo	2	4	0	0	2	4	Telugu	2	3	0	0	2	3
Icelandic	2	3	0	0	2	3	Thai	4	12	3	7	7	19
Igbo	2	10	0	0	2	10	Tibetan	3	6	0	0	3	6
Indonesian	7	15	4	9	11	24	Turkish	6	16	1	2	7	18
Italian	268	554	32	66	303	624	Ukrainian	2	4	1	2	3	6
Japanese	20	32	2	3	26	41	Urdu	7	13	5	11	12	24
Kiswahili	7	19	4	7	12	28	Vietnamese	2	2	0	0	2	2
Korean	2	8	1	2	5	13	Welsh	4	10	0	0	4	10
Krio	2	9	0	0	2	9	Wolof	2	13	0	0	2	13
Latin	30	72	9	20	39	92	Yiddish	4	5	0	0	4	5
Lingala	3	5	0	0	3	5	Yoruba	10	39	0	0	10	39
Luganda	1	2	1	2	2	4	Zulu	2	4	0	0	2	4
Luxemburgisch	3	5	0	0	3	5							

Figure 7.2.2. (b) Languages listed once

Each of the following 70 languages is listed by one biographee.

Albanian	Fijian	Laotian	Rotuman
Aramaic	Finnish sign language	Lithuanian	Runyankore
Berber	Flemish	Low German	Sharchogpa
Besideo Malay	Fresian	Maithili	Sindhi
Breton	Friuli	Malayalam	Soninke
Cantonese	Ganda	Mandarin Chinese	Sonrai
Chichewa	Haitian Creole	Masa	Sotho
Chinyanja	Hokkien	Mongolian	Swedish sign language
Chuukese	Hopi	Mooré	Syriac
Cinyanja	International sign language	Musey	Teochew
Creole	Jamaican vernacular	Navajo	Tigrigna
Danish sign language	Kakwa	Nyanja	Tiv
Dholuo	Kannada	Occitan	Tongan
Dzongkha	Khmer	Oko	Twi
Ebira	Kihaya	Pakistani	Venda
English sign language	Kikongo	Pangasinense	Xhosa
Estonian	Kikuyu	Polynesian	
Ewe	Kyrgyz	Quechuan	

Figure 7.2.2. (c) Most frequent combinations of languages

Ten languages are listed in the entries of more than 80 biographees. This table gives totals for combinations of these ten languages. For example, 1 biographee includes Arabic and Dutch in the list of languages in which he or she is proficient. 1182 biographees include English and French, 45 include Italian and Portuguese, and 22 include Spanish and Swedish.

Arabic									
Dutch	1	Dutch							
English	83	269	English						
French	54	254	1182	French					
German	17	210	678	565	German				
Italian	13	62	293	285	170	Italian			
Portuguese	2	14	106	92	42	45	Portuguese		
Russian	6	10	97	70	62	26	4	Russian	
Spanish	12	68	477	410	192	162	96	29	Spanish
Swedish	2	5	87	50	62	9	5	8	22 Swedish

Figure 7.2.2. (d) Multi-lingualism

This table gives the number of biographees indicating a proficiency in one or more languages. For example, 396 biographees are bi-lingual and 495 are tri-lingual; 4 biographees profess proficiency in 10 languages.

	Number of languages									
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
People	4	8	15	31	100	193	329	495	396	153